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ORDER RETURNING UNDOCKETED APPEAL TO EXAMINER

This application was electronically received by the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences on June 24, 2008. A review of the application revealed that it is not ready for docketing as an appeal. Accordingly, the application is herewith being returned to the Examiner to address the following matter(s) requiring attention prior to docketing.

EXAMINER'S CONSIDERATION OF REPLY BRIEF

A Communication was mailed by the Examiner on January 3, 2008. This Communication states, in pertinent part, "the reply brief filed 09/20/2007 has been entered and considered."

A review of the file indicates either Appellant has not filed a Reply Brief in response to the Examiner's Answer mailed November 15, 2007, or that if a Reply Brief was filed by Appellant on that date, it is not contained in the Image File Wrapper (IFW).

Clarification from the Examiner is required to place the record in condition for appeal. If Appellant did not timely file a Reply Brief in response to Examiner's Answer, then the Communication mailed January 3, 2008, should be vacated.

CONCLUSION

Accordingly, it is ORDERED that the application is returned to the Examiner to:

- 1) clarify the record as described above; and
- 2) for such further action as may be appropriate.

If there are any questions pertaining to this Order, please contact the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences at 571-272-9797.

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